

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

The Hollywood Park City Council met in a Special Session on November 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Mayor Chris Fails called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Sudie Sartor, Chris Murphy, David Neugebauer and Holly McBrayer. Also present: Finance - Adelina Mardegain and City Secretary-Janice Alamia. Absent: Councilman Steve Phillips.

**DISCUSS/TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR VOIGT PARK.**

**Citizen Participation:**

- Weege Henderson/303 Rua De Matta: Ms. Henderson stated that Voigt Park needed to be fixed. There is a really big problem with Donella also. Mayor Fails brought everyone up to date on the Donella Street Project thus far.
- Karen Waugh/130 Canyon Oaks: Mrs. Waugh presented a project on behalf of Mike Drewry, resident and EDC member which entailed a schematic of a new Voigt Park and facility.
- Josh Pierce[works with Mike Drewry]: Mr. Pierce, who works with the same firm as Mr. Drewry gave a detailed explanation of the copies that were handed out by Mrs. Waugh.
- Earl Siebold/226 Yosemite: Resident for 46 years. He supports work being done at Voigt Park but feels we need more parking. That is a primary concern.
- Katie Eastland/106 Canyon Creek Drive: She thinks we need to take into consideration the different ages of children in the water together. Lifeguard caliber is not great. We need to take that into consideration. Would love to bring food trucks into the neighborhood. Would love a splash pad for children when the pool is closed. Loves the community garden idea. Playing area is not in site of picnic area on the drawing and really should be.
- John Dini/316 Mustang Circle: HP is bringing in younger residents. He stated we need to be prepared for this. We just can't do everything all at once.
- Brent Lane/613 El Portal: Mr. Lane is totally on board with developing the Voigt Center. Let's not build a pool with just the swim team in mind since they only have 2 home meets a season.
- Justin Moore/109 Antelope: Mr. Moore thinks the logistics discussed about the pool are accurate. He thinks we need citizen participation along the way of this process. Let's not price out accessibility to the residents.
- Mark Duff/112 Grand Oak: He stated the event center needs to be rentable and this needs much more parking in the drawing. New demographics coming into the park would make good use of this.
- Chris Boehlke/116 Garrapatta: Mr. Boehlke stated the community event center should only be for HP residents. He would happy to contribute in any way he can.



- Cullen Schwarz/102 Tiger Trail: Has lived here for 4 years now. He wanted to point out that this is a starting point on the drawing. He likes the ultimate vision though. When swim practice is going on we cannot use the pool. He will support this project and will volunteer his time if needed.
- Shari Tiner/228 Mecca: Mrs. Tiner stated we need the 6 lanes at the pool for swim practice, not the meets. HP is the smallest pool in the swim league. She sees a need for a bigger pool and she loves the zero entry. There is no green space in this drawing. She really appreciates having a park with nature and greenery.
- CM Sartor read two emails: Paul Tondre stated he would be conservative if the use of the Voigt is for non-residents. Carol Tondre stated the acoustics needed to be improved greatly. Please put a refrigerator back in the Voigt Center.
- Jim Heck-former resident: Mr. Heck stated that since the Council has received several qualifications for architectural firms; they should go ahead and interview so a selection can be made and we can move forward hand in hand with someone.

Discussion: Mayor asked Council their thoughts. Councilmember Murphy stated we should look into getting grant funds. Councilmember Sartor said we really need to look at the parking aspect. We don't have enough parking now. Mayor Fails stated he would like look at the RFQ's that were submitted, select a firm that we would like to use and section off the money that comes in from the Venue Fund for the operations of this every year so it is not coming from the General Fund. What is in the Venue Fund now can pay for the first phase of the project and so on. CM Neugebauer stated we needed to first open up the RFQ's to other firms so we can find someone to assist us in this project and then agree on a budget for this project. He stated we need to determine what we want to do in the first phase, second phase and so on; and receive citizen participation along the way. CM McBrayer stated these drawing are great but we need to focus on parking, the pool and gathering space. What about the maintenance? We need to prioritize and have direction. Mayor Fails stated once we pick the architecture firm, they would have a series of city hall meetings to get citizen feedback. CM Sartor asked how many responses we received to the RFQ. CM Neugebauer stated there were two. Mr. Lane was asked if he would submit an RFQ and he stated he would not since it would be a conflict of interest since he was on the EDC, but he would definitely donate his time to the process if needed. Mayor Fails and the Council decided to move forward with the process of picking an architect to proceed with this project.

DISCUSS/TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON TRANSPORTATION ISSUES, INCLUDING THE ENGAGEMENT OF AN EXPERT TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF HOLLYWOOD PARK AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH SERVICES.

Citizen Participation:

- Mark Villareal/224 Fleetwood: We need to develop a citizens committee for infrastructure that needs to report to the council. My comments are contained for the Donella Street project and such.

- Brent Lane/613 El Portal: I feel a strong concern about cut through traffic.
- Bob Sartor/43 Ashford Glen: NCAASPC President. I would ask that we take a step back and put things into perspective. This is only to decide if HP wants to "get involved".
- Justin Moore/109 Antelope: We need to rally the citizens and let them understand what is going on. This is not crystal clear to me.

Discussion: CM Sartor stated a little over a year ago Hollywood Park had a public hearing to discuss the toll roads. We have not had much response to allow us to coordinate with this process. She stated this was going to be a great impact on our city. CM Sartor stated she has been involved in this for 10 years. There is a group call American Stewards that have fought similar projects to help force coordination. She stated she wanted citizen input and wanted to discuss hiring this group for approximately \$3,500 to develop a strategy and plan. If we want to fight this we need to move forward. This will affect our businesses and community. We want them to listen to our concerns. CM Sartor made a motion to approve \$3,550 to hire American Stewards to help in negotiations with projects ahead of us on 1604 and 281. CM McBrayer seconded. Passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Mayor Fails adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:45pm

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED (✓)  
CORRECTED ( ) THIS 18 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.

  
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Mayor, Chris Fails

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary, Janice Alamia